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REQUEST FOR US PATROL BOAT: "ASHEVILLE" SUITABILITY QUESTIONED

REF: REYKJAVIK 0339 (DTG 101058Z)

1. INDEPENDENCE PARTY DAILY MORGUNBLADID ON MARCH 14 CARRIED ARTICLE SAYING THAT "ASHEVILLE" TYPE PATROL VESSEL BEING SOUGHT BY GOI FROM US WOULD NOT BE WELL SUITED FOR USE IN NORTH ATLANTIC WEATHER.

2. CONCLUSION WAS PART OF ANALYSIS OF ASHEVILLE CAPABILITIES WHICH MORGUNBLADID HAD OBTAINED FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WASHINGTON. CITING US NAVY SOURCES, DISPATCH SAID VESSEL WOULD BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO HEAVY ICING FROM SEVERE COLD AND WIND
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AND THAT POTENTIAL ACCUMULATION OF ICE WOULD COST SHIP

ONE FOURTH OF ITS MAXIMUM SPEED. ARTICLE NOTED AS OTHER DRAW-
BACKS NEED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS' SPECIAL TRAINING FOR NEW CREW
AND FACT THAT RANGE OF ASHEVILLE IS ONLY 500 MILES AT TOP
SPEED.

3. COMMENT: MORGUNBLADID, WHICH GENERALLY SPEAKS FOR PRIMEMIN
AND IP ESTABLISHMENT, HAS AGAIN SOUGHT TO DAMPEN LOCAL EN-
THUSIASM FOR ASHEVILLE PROJECT AS IT DID IN EARLIER REPORTING
(REFTEL) WHEN IT DISMISSED CLAIM THAT US WAS OBLIGED UNDER
1974 DEFENSE MOU TO PROVIDE VESSEL.
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